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TAGS: OVIP, HU (ROCKEFELLER, NELSON)

SUBJ: VACATION TRAVEL OF MRS. ROCKEFELLER

REF: BUDAPEST 2066 AND PREVIOUS

1. DEPFONMIN JANOS NAGY INVITED AMBASSADOR MCAULIFFE
TO FONOFF JULY 3 TO DISCUSS JULY 13-15 VISIT TO BUDAPEST
BY MRS. NELSON ROCKEFELLER.

2. NAGY OPENED CONVERSATION BY SAYING THAT GOH HAD JUST
FIXED RESPONSIBILITY PERSONALLY ON HIM TO INSURE THAT
MRS. ROCKEFELLER'S PRIVATE, UNOFFICIAL VISIT TO BUDAPEST
WENT OFF SMOOTHLY AND PLEASURABLY AND TO THE COMPLETE
SATISFACTION OF THE AMERICAN GUESTS. HE WAS QUICK TO
EXPLAIN THAT HE HAD PLAYED A LIKE ROLE WHEN NETHERLANDS
PRIME MINISTER DEN UYL AND HIS WIFE AND SON VISITED
HUNGARY IN THE SUMMER OF 1974; AND THAT HE HAD FURNISHED
PERSONAL AND INVISIBLE ASSISTANCE TO THE DUKE OF EDINBURGH
IN RECENT YEARS ON TWO OCCASIONS. BOTH HRH PRINCE PHILIP
AND THE DUTCH PRIME MINISTER HAD OF COURSE BEEN ACCOMPANIED
BY THEIR OWN SECURITY PEOPLE.

3. AFTER EXPRESSING MILD SURPRISE AT SIZE OF SECRET
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SERVICE CONTINGENT ACCOMPANYING MRS. ROCKEFELLER, NAGY

WENT ON TO SAY THAT GOH WILL PROMPTLY ISSUE ALL VISAS THAT US HAS REQUESTED, THAT INTRODUCTION AND REMOVAL OF SPECIALIZED EQUIPMENT FROM HUNGARY OFFERS NO PROBLEMS, AND THAT APPROVAL OF RADIO FREQUENCIES IS A PURELY TECHNICAL QUESTION THAT WILL BE HANDLED WITH DISPATCH. IBUSZ (HUNGARIAN TOURIST AGENCY) HAS INFORMED FONOFF THAT ON INSTRUCTIONS FROM AMEXCO IT HAS MADE RESERVATIONS AT GELLERLZHOTEL FOR MRS. ROCKEFELLER AND HER DAUGHTERS AND CAPT HOWE, THAT IT HAS RESERVED VOLKSWAGEN BUS FOR THEIR USE. NAGY SAID IBUSZ HAD MADE NO HOTEL RESERVATIONS FOR SECRET SERVICE DETAIL NOR FOR CREW OF AIRPLANE. MCAULIFFE SAID EMBASSY HAD REQUESTED RESERVATIONS AT HOTEL GELLERT FOR ADVANCE SECRET SERVICE CONTINGENT.

4. NAGY SAID GOH DESIGNATING MEMBER ITS "PROTECTIVE SECURITY FORCE" TO MEET ADVANCE DETACHMENT SECRET SERVICE UPON THEIR ARRIVAL BUDAPEST JULY 10. HUNGARIAN SECURITY REP WILL BE ACCOMPANIED BY INTERPRETER FROM FONOFF. TOGETHER THEY WILL EXPEDITE MOVEMENT OF MEN AND THEIR EQUIPMENT THROUGH PASSPORT AND CUSTOMS CONTROLS. HE ASKED THAT EMBASSY OFFICER FLUENT IN HUNGARIAN BE PRESENT TO ASSIST, AND MCAULIFFE AGREED. DEPFONMIN SAID MRS. ROCKEFELLER AND HER PARTY WOULD UPON ARRIVAL JULY 13 BE ESCORTED DIRECTLY THROUGH GOVERNMENT RECEPTION SALON TO THEIR VEHICLES WITH PASSPORT AND CUSTOMS CONTROLS BEING HANDLED SPECIALLY AND EXPEDITIOUSLY SINCE GOH DOES NOT WISH AMERICAN GUESTS TO BE DELAYED IN CROWDS ONE OFTEN ENCOUNTERS IN JULY AT HEIGHT OF TOURIST SEASON.

5. AFTER REITERATING RESPECT FOR PRIVATE AND INFORMAL CHARACTER OF VISIT, NAGY EXPRESSED DEEP CONCERN THAT HUNGARIAN AUTHORITIES HAVE NO IDEA OF PROGRAM OR ITINERARY. THERE IS AND WILL BE NO QUESTION AS TO THE PHYSICAL SECURITY OF THE PARTY, HE ASSURED. BUT THE HUNGARIANS ARE MOST DESIROUS THAT VISIT BE ENJOYABLE AND MEMORABLE ONE. WHILE BOWING TO WISHES OF AMERICAN GUESTS, THEY WOULD PREFER THAT PARTY USE EMBASSY CAR WITH SKILLED ENGLISH-SPEAKING CHAUFFEUR; OR THEY ARE PREPARED PROVIDE SMALL MERCEDES-BENZ IF PARTY WISHES AVOID USE OF CAR OF

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US MANUFACTURE. HUNGARIAN AUTHORITIES ARE READY AND ANXIOUS PROVIDE WITHOUT OSTENTATION PRIVATE OR SEMI PRIVATE TOUR OR PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS, MUSEUMS, FOLKLORIC SHOPS, ETC. THEY STAND READY TO ASSIST IN OBTAINING TICKETS TO PERFORMANCES, RESTAURANT RESERVATIONS, ETC. JUST AS SOON AS THEY RECEIVE SOME IDEA OF THE PARTY'S PROGRAM. THEY WOULD LIKE TO OFFER "INVISIBLE ASSISTANCE" TO INSURE THAT MRS. ROCKEFELLER AND HER COMPANIONS DO NOT FIND

THEMSELVES COUGHT IN LINE QUEUES IN SHOPS OR AT
MUSEUMS AMONG THRONG OF TOURISTS, AND THAT THEY HAVE
BENEFIT OF FIRST-RATE ENGLISH-SPEAKING GUIDES.
MCAULIFFE EXPRESSED THANKS FOR NAGY'S MOST GENEROUS
OFFER AND PROMISED ADVISE FONOFF AS SOON AS HE RECEIVED
INSTRUCTIONS.

6. ACTION REQUESTED: PLEASE ADVISE WITH RESPECT TO:

A) HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS FOR TEN MAN SECRET SERVICE
CONTINGENT.

B) TOTAL VEHICULAR NEEDS AND WISHES
OF ENTIRE PARTY.

C) HOTEL ACCOMODATIONS FOR AIRCRAFT CREW.

D) PARTY'S PLANS FOR SIGHTSEEING, TOURING, SHOPPING,
LUNCHING AND DINING.

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